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1. NIGERIAN CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION IN AUGUST 1976
 AVERAGED 1,936,764 BARRELS PER DAY (B/D). SHARP DROP
 FROM LEVELS OF PAST FOUR MONTHS PRIMARILY ATTRIBUTABLE
 TO BROKEN PIPELINE AT SHELL'S BONNY TERMINAL. TEXACO
 ALSO UNABLE TO REPAIR LEAK AT ITS SINGLE BUOY MOORING
 AND WAS FORCED TO CEASE PRODUCTION PART OF THE MONTH.
 TEXACO CONTINUED TO LOSE PRODUCTION THROUGH
 SEPTEMBER AND WILL NOT HAVE HOSE REPAIRED UNTIL
 MID-OCTOBER. AGIP-PHILLIPS BROUGHT ONSTREAM SMALL
 NEW FIELD TO BOOST THEIR OUTPUT, WHILE PAN OCEAN
 (NOW OWNED BY MARATHON OIL) MADE ITS DEBUT. PAN
 OCEAN'S 43 GRAVITY LIGHT CRUDE IS PIPED TO SHELL'S
 FORCADOS TERMINAL AND BLENDED WITH 31 API CRUDE
 FOR EXPORT.

2. FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS PROVISIONAL PRODUCTION RATES
 IN B/D FOR AUGUST 1976 AND FINAL FIGURES FOR JUNE 1976.

COMPANY	AUGUST	JULY	0/0 CHANGE
SHELL-BP	1,094,508	1,194,864	-8.4
GULF	302,540	290,473	PLUS 4.2
BOBIL	233,669	256,662	-9.0
AGIP PHILLIPS	198,513	185,211	PLUS 7.2
ELF	76,494	74,932	PLUS 2.1
TEXACO	9,248	36,230	-74.5
NNOC/ASHLAND	10,241	9,221	PLUS 11.1
PAN OCEAN	11,551	- ---	N/A
ALL COMPANIES	1,936,764	2,047,593	-5.4

3. CRUDE EXPORTS AVERAGED 1,961,153 B/D.

4. TOTAL NUMBER OF DRILLINGS RIGS EMPLOYED AT MONTH-END
 WAS 15, COMPARED WITH 25 IN AUGUST 1975.

5. FIRST ESTIMATES OF SEPTEMBER PRODUCTION AS FOLLOWS:

SHELL-BP	1,208,000
GULF	288,000
MOBIL	245,000
AGIP-PHILLIPS	203,000
ELF	78,000
TEXACO	NONE
ASHLAND	10,000

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PAN OCEAN	12,000
ALL COMPANIES	2,044,000

6. AKRI-OGUDA FIELD WHICH IS WORKED JOINTLY BY
 SHELL-BP AND PHILLIPS-AGIP HAS BEEN SHUT IN SINCE
 JULY WHILE SHELL-BP COMPLETES INSTALLATION OF COMPRESSOR
 FOR GAS INJECTION. PHILLIPS REPRESENTATIVE SAYS WORK
 NEARLY COMPLETE AND TWO FIRMS WILL APPLY SOON FOR

PRODUCTION ALLOWABLE OF 30,000 B/D. AGIP-PHILLIPS
HAS 70 PERCENT OF PRODUCTION THIS FIELD, SO COULD GAIN
ABOUT 20,000 B/D. AGIP-PHILLIPS ALSO EXPECTS APPLY FOR
PRODUCTION ALLOWABLE SMALL NEW FIELD IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY
1977 WHICH COULD ADD ANOTHER 25,000 B/D, THUS PUTTING
COMPANY UP WITH MOBIL AMONG RANKS NIGERIAN PRODUCERS.
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